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BAD FIRE AT ITHACA

Gleaner Elevator Has Narrow Escape From Fire Fiend

BLAZE FOUND BY NIGHTWATCH

Excellent Work Of Fire Department Held Total Loss to \$2,000

Tuesday evening about twenty minutes of twelve, Ithaca's night-watch, Charles Coleman, discovered a light in the south part of the village which he thought to be possibly from a locomotive, but in order to make sure jumped into George McMullen's automobile and drove toward the depot. Upon nearing the Gleaners Elevator, he found sheds 30x60 in the rear of the building ablaze. An alarm of fire was immediately turned in and in an incredibly short space of time the fire department had four streams of water on the buildings which were filled with hay, straw, lime, cement, fertilizer, etc. Although adjoining buildings were often afire from sparks, yet the effective work of the fire department aided by the citizens kept the blaze confined to the buildings, where the fire was first discovered and the loss to approximately \$2,000, although many thousands of dollars' worth of property was endangered by the fire.

The origin of the blaze is as yet unexplained as no fire had been used in that portion of the elevator property.

BIRD CLUB NOTES.

A timely word of warning about the use of air guns, sling-shots, etc., may be beneficial just at this time.

This is the season for the fall migration of the birds, and the trees in our yards, parks, and streets are just now filled with our small friends who are resting here for a day or two on their way back from their summer haunts farther north, many of them coming all the way from Canada.

Among them are the beautiful little warblers, kinglets, fox sparrows, white-crowned and white-throated sparrows, and countless other small song birds that are not easily distinguished from the common English sparrow when on the wing or high up in the trees.

If the boys will lay aside their air guns and sling shots for a few weeks now, until they are safely through their migration, there will be more birds to visit us again in the spring on their return from the south.

COUNTERFEITER FREE

Alma People Robbed at the Pleasure of a Stranger with Ingenuity.

A clever, crude counterfeiter proved too smooth for the Alma merchants Saturday. A man about five feet and eight inches tall, dark curly hair, dark complexioned, smooth-faced (although he had whiskers showing a week's growth), wearing dark trousers, reddish-brown coat and a dark soft hat, appeared in Alma Saturday about 11 o'clock, passed several bogus ten dollar bills and "beat it" all safe and sound.

The man tried to pass one on Will Cushing after buying a pair of hose, and Mr. Cushing discovered it, but the man acted so sorrowful to think that someone had passed it on him that Mr. Cushing thought him sincere. The man told Mr. Cushing that he had been working several places and did not know where he had got the bill, so he passed silently on to his next victim.

Mr. Brown, in the Bazaar store, now owns one of the little treasures which was given to him through one of his clerks, when the wise unknown bought a hair comb for his wife. He then passed to the Ogle Harness Shop, bought a curry comb for his imaginary horse and pocketing another nine dollars and ninety cents in change boldly strode on. So it was until the stranger had all of Alma's hard-earned change that he could handle—then he moved to the next town.

The counterfeits, unless closely examined, were a pretty good imitation, although the very crudest possible. A two-dollar bill had been used, the numeral two erased and 10's printed with ink in their stead. These bills may be examined by asking our city marshal or one of several business men who possess them.

MAKE A GREAT HIT.

Moving Picture Theatre is Scene of Near Riot. Crowds Break Windows in Vain Attempt To See Sensational Film.

Opening night in a large New York theatre is nothing in comparison with the experience which a large moving picture theatre in St. Clair, Mich., had a few days ago; and when the excitement had passed, it was found that the whole front of the show-house had been more or less damaged by the eager crowds.

It happened this way—the Maxwell Motor Company was putting on its four reel drama, "From Molten Steel to Automobile" for the first time in St. Clair. The little city was all excitement, for word had reached there of the great success which the pictures had attained in other cities, and the whole populace waited anxiously for a chance to see what the Maxwell Company had to offer.

The show was a grand success, judging from the very complimentary remarks which were heard on every side. Many interested automobile owners remained for a second show, and the Maxwell dealer in St. Clair remarked to a newspaper reporter, "I have never been so popular in my life before. The pictures have certainly made a great hit here, and as a result I have already received several orders for new cars."

The owner of the theatre was helpless to save the windows when the crowd pressed to the doors for admittance, but as he afterwards remarked, "I wish every picture was as popular as this one which the Maxwell Company is putting on. As for the damage done, I guess the Maxwell Company will be glad to settle when they know the circumstances."

BAY CITY EASTERN HIGH

Proved Good Practice For Alma College Eleven Saturday

FULLBACK WOOD IN LIMELIGHT

Steggall, Spinney, and Gallagher Star Throughout the Game—Score 44 to 0

Bay City Eastern, putting up fine and strong resistance, was played off her feet Saturday by the Alma College eleven. Final whistle sounding left the score 44 to 0 in the locals' favor. Coach Bleamaster used all the reserves the first quarter and the two teams played scoreless ball for fifteen minutes. In the second quarter the coach shifted men and when the game ended the varsity squad had the field, thereby giving everyone a chance to make good. Three touchdowns were made the second quarter, two by the veteran Wood, fullback, and the other by the fleet-footed, lightweight Sleggal of Bay City Eastern's last year's squad. Spinney made two touchdowns as well as continuing his masterful generalship at the pivot position.

In the final quarter Wood and Spinney each crossed the enemy's goal line twice. Fletcher Gallagher of Bay City also played a speedy game at end against his old teammates. Gallagher will prove a lucky find for Alma College for in addition to being a hard-end gridiron man, he holds the medal for the interscholastic quarter mile. The plunging backs, the smashing ends, the accurate tackles, the stolid guards, the impregnable center and the brainy quarter composed a football team for Alma College, which will make Notre Dame look sick next Saturday. Captain Dusty Austin was in the game every minute as usual. "Tar" Robinson held the pigskin for the pass and Big French of Coleman was noticeable among the tackles. Fitch showed class in the backfield. Jessup, Hanna and Sails made up the backs the first quarter, with McAllister at quarter. The High School defeated Mt. Pleasant High before the College game, 27 to 6. Verne Handley was the star of that game. Mahr and "Brud" Handley also were strong backfielders; M. Smith was at quarterback and his headwork did much toward winning the game.

ARM BROKEN

Emery Casler, aged 16, a Junior in Alma High school, was riding a bicycle in company with several other boys Tuesday evening and two of the wheels ran together and threw the riders. Casler fell to the paved street and broke his left arm between the elbow and wrist. He was taken to Dr. Lamb's office and he, together with Dr. Gardner, set the broken bone.

GR. RAPIDS JOBBERS

To Visit Alma Thursday October the Eight

BRING FURNITURE CITY BAND

Special Train Scheduled To Reach Alma at 12:35

The Ninth Annual Trade Extension Tour of the Grand Rapids wholesalers, October 6th to 9th, promises to excel all previous trips. It will be the largest group of business men Grand Rapids has ever sent on a trade mission. Practically every line of jobbing will be represented as well as many banks and other business interests. Grand Rapids is known the world over as the great Furniture City. Still its wholesalers annually care for over forty million dollars of business, a figure quite in excess of its furniture output.

The first annual trade extension tour was made in 1906, and many of the houses participating on the coming tour, and in some instances by the same men who assisted with the initial trip.

The special train will be the finest and most complete it is possible to obtain. It will have dressing room sleepers, dining cars, and an observation Pullman. The famous Furniture City Band will accompany the party.

The trade excursionists will be in Alma on October 8th, arriving at 12:35 p. m.

RALLY DAY IN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Services will be held in our own restored building. Morning service, 10 o'clock; sermon, "Redeeming the Time." The Lord's Supper will be observed.

Sunday school, 11:30. Rally Day exercises. Prof. Ritchie of Alma College will speak.

Junior Union at 3 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. meeting at 6:30. Topic, "The Trust Verse." Evening service at 7:30. Sermon, "Who is on the Lord's Side?"

Thursday Night Prayer meeting at 7:30.

All are cordially invited to these services. J. W. Priest, Pastor. Residence, 802 Gratiot avenue.

1914 LECTURE COURSE

Strong Array of Talent For Coming Winter Entertainments

The long-established and successful Lyceum Course, which has become a strong feature of the intellectual and artistic life of our city presents for its rite of entertainments, beginning on the latter part of October and ending in the early part of March, 1915. There will be six numbers in the course and they are so selected as to present a well-balanced series which will appeal to the needs and likings of all. The opening number will be the C. Edward Clarke Concert Co. Mr. Clarke is a baritone and one of Chicago's leading oratorio and recital artists. He is supported by Earl Victor Prahl, a skillful and talented pianist, and Rachel Steinman Clarke, a Polish violinist of great artistic ability and pleasing personality. The other musical numbers on the course are first, The David Duggan Grand Opera Co., presenting selections and scenes from the best operas, and our old favorites, Rogers and Grilley, who give a most unique and satisfactory program, consisting of harp classics and impersonations and original selections.

Thomas Brooks Fletcher, who made such a "hit" here with his lecture on "The Martyrdom of Fools" a few years ago, will return this season to give "The Modern Judas" and we predict for him even greater success than before. Our people like Mr. Fletcher because he keeps them alive, alert and awake.

Dr. Edward A. Steiner, an authority on the problems growing out of foreign immigration and head of the Department of Applied Christianity in Iowa College, at Grinnell, needs no eulogium. He has a message which interests every true American and gives it with all the forcefulness of deep conviction backed by scientific knowledge of his subject.

The last number on this strong and attractive course is given by Katherine Ridgeway, one of America's greatest entertainers.

Fuller details of this course will be given in the Lyceum Course Booklet, which will be issued and distributed in all the homes of the city. Watch for it.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

Mrs. I. N. Brainerd Entertained in Honor of Mesdames French and Finch of Stanton.

Mrs. Brainerd was hostess at a party last Thursday afternoon, which was given for her guests, Mrs. French and Finch, of Stanton. Ladies invited to meet these guests were Mesdames Caple, Brewbaker, Hall, Ward, Scattergood, Gaffney, Brown, Holmes, and Mrs. Barston, from St. Louis. Cards were played, and a five-course dinner was served at 5.30.

The ladies spent a delightful afternoon, and acknowledged Mrs. Brainerd to be a fine hostess.

BURT, SHARRAR AND MOORE APPLES.

A display of eight large, red, Wolf River apples, grown on a Burdick Realty Company's farm are being exhibited at the Alma State Savings Bank. They are about as large as apples as are usually found in this part of Michigan. There are eight apples displayed, and the largest measures 15 1/4 inches around, and almost that much when measured down the other way from stem to the lower end and up.

PRESBY RECEPTION

Newcomers Welcomed to Alma Saturday Evening at Church.

DAVIS AND DICKERSON PLEASED

Charles Rhodes and Prof. Schultz Spoke—Large Attendance—Refreshments.

A reception was given Saturday evening at the Presbyterian church to welcome the new Alma students and new citizens to the city. Over two hundred and fifty persons enjoyed the evening's amusements and recreations. Each one was given a slip containing a part of a bible verse and a number and the partners were found by matching the number and the parts of the verses. Mr. Davis excelled in the rendition of Tannhauser March on the violin, accompanied by Miss Roberts on the pipe organ. Mr. Davis showed remarkable skill in his work in high harmonics. Charles Rhodes welcomed the newcomers to the city and to the churches and his talk was responded to by Robert Schultz of the High School. Both talks were highly pleasing. Hugh Dickerson, assistant instructor at the College, sang "Cavatina," from Faust with an especially good bass baritone voice. The entire evening was full of fine entertainments, good talks, pleasant games and last, but not least, the refreshments which were served on the lap.

Alma College faces the two hardest games of the season the two Saturdays following Notre Dame, first at South Bend and then M. A. C. at East Lansing. The gridiron honors this year will probably not fall to the lot of Alma College, although she has one of the strongest teams in her history. The Catholics will be hard to down and M. A. C. has a good chance for a hard battle. Ephie Johnson, of Cadillac, a man who was one of Alma's mainstays for the past four years, is assisting Coach Bleamaster with the coaching. Ole Anderson and Goodrich are also helping with the Reserves.

Frank M. Smith left for Detroit on Thursday to spend a few days with friends.

INTERESTING TO GRATIOT COUNTY TAXPAYERS

State Tax for 1914 to be \$19,358.70 Less Than Amount Assessed in 1913—The Following Statement Comes from the State Capitol

Gratiot Co. State Tax 1913.....\$78,461.97
Gratiot Co. State Tax 1914.....59,103.27

1914 State Tax Less Than 1913 State Tax \$19,358.70

The above figures show the amount of State Tax assessed to Gratiot County for the year 1913 and the amount assessed against the county for 1914-1915 collection. It will be pleasing to taxpayers to know that the county will effect a saving, as against 1913, of \$19,358.70 on the 1914 State Tax.

ANNUAL RALLY DAY

Presbyterian Fortnightly Missionary Society

MET TUESDAY WITH MRS. KING

Mrs. J. T. Ewing Presided and an Interesting Time Was Enjoyed by Those Present

The Annual Rally Day of the Presbyterian Fortnightly Missionary Society was held at the home of Mrs. Francis King on State street, Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. W. Wilcox presided at the business meeting and Mrs. J. T. Ewing acted as chairman of the day, announced the singers and introduced the speakers.

The program was opened by a prayer by Mrs. Robert Fleming, followed by the singing of a Sacred Song by Miss Lorna Woodruff, who hushed the guests by the sweetness of her voice and by the beauty of the song. Miss Rose accompanied her at the piano. Mrs. Hawley of Bay City, president of the Home Presbyterian Missionary Society, gave a fine talk on the work being done in this line in her Presbytery.

Mrs. Stark of Saginaw, president of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society, gave an interesting address on that work, and what had been recently accomplished.

At the conclusion of the program the ladies, 46 in all, were ushered into Mrs. King's spacious dining rooms and were served a dainty dinner of tea and light refreshments. After dinner the ladies were taken through the flower gardens and allowed to leave with the impression that the whole world was composed of flowers and nice people.

GONE TO REST.

Mrs. J. M. Leight died at her home in Alma, Mich., September 25, 1914, at the age of 53 years, 19 days, after an illness of several months. She responded to the tender, loving call of Him, who said:

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Her friends and neighbors are glad to have enjoyed the friendship of this truly honorable woman, and we feel that we have lost one of the most loyal friends of our life.

Ida Louise Derringer was born in Hancock county, Ohio, September 6, 1861. Her mother died when she was six weeks old. Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Burkhead of this city took her in infancy and cared for her as their own child. She was married to J. M. Leight in Wood county, Ohio, September 12, 1878. To them was born one son, Carl, and with the husband, two sisters and one brother survive her. She was a kind and loving mother and dearly loved by all who knew her.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. W. Priest and interment was made in Riverside cemetery. The Order of the Rebekahs, of which Mrs. Leight was a member, conducted service at the grave. The floral tributes were profuse and very beautiful.

SEASON 1914-1915

The Woman's Club of Alma opens its year's work Monday, October 5th, with an open meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Robinson, 603 West Center street.

The members of the Art Club and the Civic Improvement League are cordially invited to be present to hear the report of the delegate to the Twelfth Biennial convention of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs.

ALMA HIGH 26—MT. PLEASANT 6.

Last Saturday the initial game of the season occurred, when the fast Mt. Pleasant High team was defeated by the local High school team on Davis Field.

Mt. Pleasant kicked to Alma who was defending the east goal. Smith received the ball and returned it to the 20 yard line. About 20 more yards were made when the ball went over. Mt. Pleasant tried many plays but failed to make ground and the ball went over again, this time to Alma. Handley carried the ball for 10 yards. Smith carried ball for a touchdown. Again Alma received, but after the first play fumbled the ball and Mt. Pleasant recovered it. The quarter ended with the ball on Alma's 25-yard line. Again Mt. Pleasant failed to make ground and Alma took possession. After tearing great holes in Mt. Pleasant's line, Mahr carried the ball for another touchdown. Handley kicked goal. Thus the half ended with the score 13 to 0, in Alma's favor.

The third quarter Mt. Pleasant received and returned the ball 10 yards. This quarter the visitors opened up all their plays, but advanced very slowly, until Barnard, their fast half-back, intercepted Handley's pass and ran 60 yards for a touchdown. Alma kicked again and soon recovered the ball. Handley made a long run around right end and ran 40 yards for a touchdown. He failed to kick goal. The quarter ended 19 to 6 in favor of the locals.

In the last quarter both teams fought vigorously until Handley made another sweep around right end for a touchdown and kicked goal, making the score 26 to 6. The game was very slow and the lack of experience and practice could be seen by both teams.

Next week Saturday the locals will journey to Alpena and clash with the strong team of that northern city.

CHURCH RECEPTION

Ladies Aid Society Furnished Program

PUNCH AND WAFERS SERVED

Rev. and Mrs. Brownlow Given Hearty Reception Upon Their Return To Alma

Rev. Thomas G. R. Brownlow, pastor of the Methodist church, and his family, were the guests of honor at a reception given Tuesday evening in the church parlors. The Ladies' Aid Society were the instigators of the evening's entertainment. Mrs. Ezra Smith had charge of the musical program and decorations which consisted of cut flowers of many varieties and branches of autumn leaves in the autumn shades of yellow, red and brown.

Prof. Dickerson furnished a piano solo, and Mr. Davis showed his usual skill on the violin. Donald Smith rendered a vocal solo, Mrs. F. C. Thornburgh and Mrs. Jennie Quick Fuller played a piano duet.

Punch and wafers were served during the evening by Mrs. Frank Parker, assisted by the Misses Clara Shaffer and Fern Rule. A reception committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wright, Dr. and Mrs. Thornburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Walker, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rowland, met and welcomed all the guests as they entered the doors.

Over 150 persons were present and the popularity of the pastor and his family was very manifest.

ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY

Cotton Blossoms and One Of Their Products On Exhibit at Crandell & Scott's

Mattresses of all sizes, prices and qualities are on exhibit in the windows of Crandell and Scott's Furniture Store. Mr. Crandell received an entire carload of mattresses and springs Saturday from the Grand Rapids Bedding Company, and is having a two weeks' sale, lasting until Saturday of this week. Some of the mattresses are being used to make up a window display. The east window is twenty feet wide and very high, and is very attractively arranged with mattresses, set off by cotton plants in bloom, and by samples of bedding in different stages of manufacture. The mattresses are suitable for all beds, and to all purses, and are worthy of your investigation.

GO. S. S. CONVENTION

Held at Breckenridge Last Week Thursday

H. C. MOORE ELECTED PRES.

Next Meeting To Be Held In 1915 At Middleton

The greatest Sunday School convention held in Gratiot county, both in point of attendance and strength of program, filled the new Methodist church at Breckenridge last Thursday and Friday. Over 200 delegates from all parts of the country participated.

Prof. S. B. Laird of the Department of Psychology of the Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, gave two very instructive lectures on the mind development of childhood and youth.

Three young men—Donald Blaisdel of Alma, Clare Perrigo of St. Louis, and Bertram Sibley of Breckenridge—delivered orations on different phases of Sunday School work from a boy's viewpoint.

The report of the county showed 67 schools in operation. Twelve were placed in the Banner class.

The address of Rev. O. H. Hubbell of Adrian on "The Man Who Can," and "Transportation" were witty, forceful and an inspiration to all.

Mrs. R. J. Hutton of Detroit, the State Elementary Superintendent, held a conference of primary workers at 4 p. m. on Thursday, formed a County Graded Union at 8:45 Friday morning, and delivered a helpful address before the convention on the special work of the several departments of primary effort.

Rev. W. H. Mason, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Alma, delivered an address on the "Failure of Graded Lessons," which was worthy a place on the program of a state or international conference and developed the most interesting and intelligent discussion of the entire session. This discussion was led very thoughtfully by Mr. W. E. Swope of Riverdale.

Rev. Hugh Kennedy of Big Rapids gave the closing address on "Evangelism."

Mr. T. N. McCall, the retiring president, was elected county delegate to the state convention to be held in Adrian in November. He will carry the State Banner won by Gratiot county last year and act as its custodian until it is presented to some other county for progress made this year. The following officers were elected:

President—Hira C. Moore, Alma.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE

Reception at M. E. Church for the Purpose of Better Fellowship Among the Young People

Last week Wednesday evening a party was given at the Methodist church by the Epworth League Society, for the purpose of making the young people of the town and college better acquainted with each other. It was a very enjoyable affair and amply repaid the League in regard to the fact that it served its purpose well. Clifford Cummings, the League president, gave a short talk, welcoming the guests, and he expressed the feeling of the entertainers very well, for they certainly made the evening one to be remembered. Upon arriving the gentlemen guests were given an envelope containing a written question, and the ladies one containing the answers. In matching them partners were found and a line formed, which marched, and then each couple read their question and answer. Other similar games were played during the evening. A fine supper of coffee, doughnuts, cakes, salads, fruit salads and sandwiches was awaiting the company, and it was distributed on the serve-self plan. Over two hundred were present, and an added interest in the League is expected, due to the enthusiasm in which this reception was received.

BARGAIN SALE OF MILLINERY GOODS

Beginning Saturday, October 3, and continuing until stock is sold. I have purchased the millinery stock formerly owned by Mrs. W. S. Humphrey and will dispose of it regardless of cost. This stock comprises many reasonable hats and a large variety of millinery trimmings. This disposal is being made in the Edwards Hotel building, 101 State Street. Mrs. J. W. Robinson, 603 West Center street.